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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU'S LATIN AMERICAN TOUR

1. OBSERVED FROM BUCHAREST, CEAUSESCU'S TRUNCATED LATIN AMERICAN TRIP SEEMED SOMEWHAT LESS SUCCESSFUL THAN HIS COMPARABLE 1972 SWING THROUGH AFRICA, ALTHOUGH IT NEVERTHELESS HELPED TO MAINTAIN THE GOR'S MOMENTUM INTERNATIONALLY AND TO PLAY UP ROMANIA'S INCREASINGLY EVIDENT "THIRD WORLD" CONNECTIONS.

2. CHILEAN EVENTS OVERSHADOWED TRIP'S LATTER PART AND FORCED CEAUSESCU TO DROP CHILE AND ARGENTINA FROM AN ITINERARY WHICH, WITHOUT MEXICO AND BRAZIL, LACKED LATIN AMERICA'S TOP FOUR POWERS. ALONG WITH TRIP'S CONTRIVED TONE GENERALLY, THERE WERE STRAINED MOMENTS, E.G. COSTA RICAN RESCHEDULING OWING TO SECURITY THREATS. WE HAVE IMPRESSION PRESS COVERAGE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN EVERYWHERE AS FULL OR FAVORABLE AS GOR
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DESIRED. AT THE SAME TIME, TRIP AFFORDED CEAUSESCU A FORUM

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TO PREACH GOR'S GOSPEL OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND TO
NURTURE SO-CALLED ROMANIAN "MILITANT SOLIDARITY" WITH
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. QUANTITY OF BILATERAL ACCORDS (BY OUR
COUNT, ODE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, FOUR DECLARATIONS, 16 AGREE-
MENTS, THREE CONTRACTS, A CONVENTION, PROTOCOL, AND MEMORANDUM)
WAS IMPRESSIVE. JOINT DECLARATIONS AND TREATY HAD EFFECT OF
EXTENDING GEOGRAPHICALLY THE WEB OF "PRINCIPLES" BUT STRESSING
SOVEREIGNTY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS WHICH
GOR HAS BEEN SPINNING AS WOULD-BE COUNTERWEIGHT AGAINST SOVIET
PRESSURES. SEVERAL LARGE CONTRACTS DID MATERIALIZE, AND
VALUABLE SPADE WORK APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DONE AS REGARDS
DIVERSIFICATION OF ROMANIA'S RAW MATERIALS SUPPLY. HOWEVER,
IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION WILL
EVERYWHERE MATCH THE AMBITIOUS SCOPE OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL
AGREEMENTS SIGNED ALONG CEAUSESCU'S ROUTE.

3. OVER WEEKEND, GOR SEEMED IN NO HURRY TO EMULATE USSR IN
BREAKING RELATIONS WITH CHILEAN JUNTA AND HAS KEPT OPTIONS
OPEN. SEVERAL STATEMENTS BY ROMANIAN OFFICIALS ALSO POINT
IN THIS DIRECTION. ON SAME DATE AS PCR CENTRAL COMMITTEE
STATEMENT ON CHILE WAS PUBLISHED, ACTING FOREIGN MIN GLIGA
POINTED OUT TO GREEK AMBASSADOR THAT THIS WAS NOT A GOVERNMENT
BUT A PARTY STATEMENT AND THAT IT DID NOT SIGNIFY THAT A
BREAK IN RELATIONS WAS PENDING. LATER, DEP FOREIGN MIN
GHENEA ASKED DANISH AMBASSADOR WHAT DANISH POLICY WOULD BE
TOWARD RECOGNITION. DANISH AMBASSWZOR NOTED THAT DANES HAD
EXPRESSED REGRET OVER DEATH OF ALLENDE AND ADDED THAT DENMARJA
WOULD MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITHOUT TAKING ANY EXPRESS ACTION,
MERELY CONTINUING ITS PRESENCE AS BEFORE. GHENEA SAID
DEFINITIVE GOR DECISION WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT RETURN OF
PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU BUHCTHAT APPROACH DESCRIBED BY DANISH
AMBASSADOR SEEMED THE WAY TO PROCEED AND THAT GHENEA DID
NOT FORESEE A BREAK IN RELATIONS. ILIESCU (MFA DIRECTORATE
III) ALSO TOLD EMBOFF SATURDAY EVENING SEPT 22 THAT THIS WAS
"VERY COMPLICATED, SERIOUS PROBLEM" AND REFERRED HIM TO TEXT OF
CEAUSESCU'S SEPT 22 AIRPORT ARRIVAL SPEECH WHICH
CONSPICUOUSLY OMITTED ANY MENTION OF CHILE, A POINT NOTED BY
ALLINFORMED OBSERVERS PRESENT. ROMANIAN DAILY PRESS HAS
CONTINUED TO DRAW ON FOREIGN QUOTES TO DECRY JUNTA'S STRONGARM
TACTICS AGAINST LEFTISTS, SETTING STAGE FOR RUPTURE IF
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CEAUSESCU SO DECIDES OR IF CONDITIONS SO WARRANT. HOWEVER,
GIVEN ITS CHOICE, GOR WILL PROBABLY FAVOR A DIPLOMATIC
STANCE SHORT OF COMPLETE BREAK.
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